

541 *The favorite sport occasions among the*
517 *farmers are horse races, at which the horses*

are not ridden but are harnessed before small
light carriages. Finnish represent a fairly
small and gracefully built variety which is

● 363 especially good for long distance running. How-
ever, for practical use, even in the country
horses are being replaced by cars and trucks,
and in the cities they are becoming a curiosity,
the bicycle is now as indispensable in summer
time as skis are during the winter.

517 In addition to sports, music is a popular form
533 of recreation, in rural areas as well as in
cities. Almost every village has a choir, and
in summer singers from every part of the
country gather for large music festivals.

517 Theater is also very popular among the Finns.

545 Professional theaters exist in all the cities and

625 occurred between the police and the public, although there have been complaints that the people are generally not too eager to assist the police. This is partly attributed to the fact that during the Russian oppression the police force*was a too willing tool in the hands of the foreign power, thus acquiring an unsavory reputation.

Uniformed policemen are a familiar sight in the cities, where they are on duty all day long directing traffic and keeping an eye on drunkards and other persons likely to disturb public order.

●[363] Parking is no problem in Finland, where there are no more than 13 private cars for each 1000 inhabitants, but reckless driving is rather common, and a traffic light system has been only recently introduced in some of the major cities. As a rule, it is quite safe to walk around alone even after midnight, as the streets are